

QUALITY GROWTH COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 18, 2004
Southeastern Utah Association of Governments Offices
375 South Carbon Ave., Atrium Room
Price Utah 84501-0893
7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

ALLEN, Dave	Summit County Rancher
ASHBY, Ken	Farmer
BARBER, Brad	Planning Consultant
BILLINGS, Lewis	Provo City Mayor
CARVER, Brian	GOPB Staff
HANSEN, Michael	Manager, State and Local Planning
LOFGREN, Dan	CHAIR, Quality Growth Commission; Cowboy Partners
MORGAN, Bob	Department of Natural Resources
NEILSON, Nancy	GOPB Staff
PAGE, Carol	Davis County Commissioner
PETERSON, Cary	Commissioner of Agriculture
PICCOLO, Joe	Price City Mayor
PRICE, Ann	Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands
BENNETT, John	GOPB Staff
THOMPSON, Max	(via teleconference)

MEMBERS EXCUSED

CHRISTENSEN, Carlton
KERR, Shauna

GUESTS

PICCOLO, Joe **Mayor – Price City**

Call to order/Introductions

Dan Lofgren the Committee Chair called the meeting to order and the minutes were approved.

Note: “Subcommittee” refers to Quality Growth Critical Lands Sub-committee.
“Commission” refers to the Quality Growth Commission Members.

John Bennett – Quality Growth Communities Subcommittee

Discussion: There are twenty-one 21st Century Cities. We need to have planning grants for small cities. Many of them already qualify to apply for grants because they are 21st Century Cities. The increase in applications shows phenomenal interest in the program. (*See list of Quality Growth Commission Applicants received as of 4/30/04. Pink sheet.*) There were other applicants mentioned. By the end of this year it is hoped that both designations of Quality Growth Community and 21st Century City will be merged into one designation.

Mayor Joe Piccolo – Welcome to Commission

The Mayor arrived after helping a motorist with a broken down car. He extended a warm welcome to the Commission. He announced the recent nomination and appointment of Price as the #1 Small City in Utah for 2004.

Price has been busily involved in rewriting its general plan and it is available on the internet. Also, the land use and standard operating procedures of the city have been rewritten. “A city hurts when it doesn’t grow and it hurts when it grows!”

He applauded the Quality Growth Commission for their influence on growth planning around the state. He noted that forty years passes quickly and planning ahead is essential for quality growth. Economically Price had enjoyed the lack of a backward slide this year. (Applause) In 1990 and 2000 we suffered a loss of population. He believes prudent planning prevents disaster. Major gas producing companies are having a positive effect on the economy and the tourism of three national forests is helping also.

One of his main concerns is water conservation along with maintaining the quality of life enjoyed in Price. He feels that increasing the student population of the College of Eastern Utah is very possible and important for economic development.

Every city issue to a Mayor is in the top ten as far as importance. He feels that the democratic process works well and that the system is not broken. One just has to work it. “It’s the worst system in the world except for all the rest!”

The Mayor has always lived in Price and expressed his love for the city, serving the people and is looking forward to another term in office his and his wife’s health allows it. He believes in being active not reactive.

They have had people return from Iraq and they have said that the people really appreciate them being there.

- 80% of the children have been immunized.
- Unemployment is down drastically.
- The schools are not munitions dumps anymore.

Ken Ashby – LeRay McAllister Critical Land Subcommittee Report

Holladay. They have requested a time extension. They are seeking a judgment of the court that would verify that they have the right to close the road. They are requesting an extension of six months.

Red Butte. This pre-application involves a technical change. They can resubmit an application as the University of Utah. All applicants have to qualify with a 5013© rating.

Riverton City. The concern here is for the amount they have requested since the McAllister Fund is limited.

West Jordan. This applicant if approved would be able to connect two sections of the Jordan River Parkway. There was a question about long term preservation. (Refer to spreadsheet “LeRay McAllister Critical land Conservation Fund: 7th Cycle.”)

Tree Utah. They have great community and civic support for this project. They have planted thousands of trees. Volunteers actually hand carry water to water plants.

Salt Lake City. This application involves a project that would put a rural trail in a very close urban setting. Because of inadequate space it wouldn’t be possible to return the land to a predominantly natural state.

Trust for Public Lands. This Corner Canyon Conservation Area project would use funds to purchase a conservation easement on forty-five acres.

Trust for Public Lands. This grant would provide open space and preserve wildlife on sixty-five acres.

Santa Clara. Fifteen acres of this property is already an arboretum. The grant would be for a demonstration garden with native desert plants.

North Salt Lake City. This project intends to trade property for the purpose of limiting growth which is of great concern to them.

Cache County. Ten acres of prime agricultural land in Cache County would be preserved.

Provo City. The Rock Canyon Preservation Project would protect a major recreation destination. Because there is an old mining claim attached to the property, there is concern about having mining activity at the mouth of the canyon.

Salem City. Called the Salem Outdoor Wetland Classroom this project would restore property to its natural state.

Salt Lake County. They have a \$900,000.00 project going and they are only requesting a \$100,000.00 grant. They are restoring a stream corridor.

Dan Lofgren suggested a letter be sent to inform applicants of the limited amount of funds available plus the fact that there is an increased number of applicants. Last year there was one applicant, this year there are fourteen.

The Bingham Stone Farm has submitted an emergency application because of a Federal grant deadline in which they have to use the money within a year. We will encourage them to raise other money. The deadline is May 1, 2005. This farm has national historical value.

Brian Carver – Proposed Budget for Easement Mapping Project Approval

Brian presented a written copy of the proposal for an Easement Mapping Project to be completed by an intern. The intern would perform the task of mapping all conservation easements in Utah. This would be very meaningful in the process of linking conservation corridors. (It could be an online tool.) The discussion was very much in favor of the project and Brian was given the go ahead to get an intern.

Michael Hansen – Projected Yearly Budget for State and Local Planning

He spoke in regards to the discrepancy between what is allocated and what is actually needed in the Planning Department of the Governor's Office. Mike was encouraged to continue the careful spending. There were expressions of gratitude for the Planners and their continued administrative support of the Commission. "Government does not do a good job of showing love to government employees," was one comment made by a Commission member.

A Full Quorum (which includes 9 members) was completed by Max Thompson teleconferencing.

- I. Brad Barber made the motion to allow Holladay City six more months to prepare to make their application. Mayor Lewis Billings seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor of the extension. (The six month period begins May 18, 2004.)
- II. Cary Peterson made the motion to approve all of the pre-approved applications. Dave Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- III. In regards to the Bingham Stone Farm emergency application, the concern was expressed that they shouldn't have any preconceived expectations for a dollar amount because of the limited funds. Dave Allen made the

motion to allow them to join the list of applicants and Ken Ashby seconded the motion. The vote in favor of it was unanimous.

- IV. The Conservation Easement Mapping Project was again discussed because of concerns that the funds requested were not enough to continue updating the map from year to year. Mayor Lewis Billings made the motion to allocate \$10,000.00 for the mapping project and to go forward with it. The motion was seconded by Carol Page. The motion held unanimously.
- V. Unanimous support was expressed for covering administrative costs in the State Planning Office.

Action Items

- **Mayor Lewis Billings will be in touch with Lane Beattie in regards to the Quality Growth Commission Program.**
- **Site visit tomorrow, May 19th at 7:00 a.m. Meet at the parking lot of the Greenwell Inn, 655 East Main, Price, Utah. This will be of the Range Creek area by way of Horse Canyon. Waldo Wilcox was the former owner of the ranch and will join us. (He has said he wanted no one but the state of Utah to buy his land.)**
- **Dave Allen will contact the cities for maps.**
- **At the next meeting (fourth Wednesday) on June 23rd:**
 - **Discuss Rural Planning Grants**
 - **Revisit Bonneville Shoreline Initiative discussion**
 - **Next project: Tool Kit for Identifying Critical Lands.**
 - **Give Robin Riggs ten minutes.**
 - **Discuss AOG planning assistance for Critical Lands.**